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For: FILM CONTAINING STARCH OR STARCH DERIVATIVES AND POLYESTER
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

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~~3.~~ 3. (Amended) The film as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the thermoplastic starch derivative is a starch ester[, preferably a starch alkanoate, particularly preferably starch acetate].

~~4.~~ 4. (Amended) The film as claimed in [one or more of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the polyester urethane consists of hard polyurethane segments and soft polyester segments, the segments being arranged in alternating sequence.

5. (Amended) The film as claimed in claim 4, wherein the proportion of polyurethane segments in the thermoplastic polyester urethane is from 10 to 90%